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HAT DAY BREAKS FUNDRAISING RECORD FOR THE ANNUAL EVENT

Columbus, OH—On May 6, 2022, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens hosted the 21st *Les Chapeaux dans le Jardin*, its signature spring fundraising event. Guests donned their chapeaux and gathered outside of the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House for cocktails on the Wolfe Terrace and a program and luncheon under the grand marquis.

This year's Hat Day event grossed over \$650,000, a Hat Day record, which benefits the Conservatory's youth outreach and education programs. All Hat Day proceeds support school field trips, educator visits to school classrooms, preschool programs, job training for eligible teens, free family programs and so much more!

Hat Day 2022 was planned under the leadership of co-chairs Tina Skestos & Thomas F. Havens. Sponsors of this year's event include Presenting Sponsors, The Davis Foundation, Tina Skestos & Thomas F. Havens, and Wolfe Associates Fund.

Each year the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award, given in honor of its first recipient, recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided longtime leadership, service and financial support to the Conservatory. This year, DeeDee Glimcher was presented the annual Ann Isaly Wolfe Award.

DeeDee's dedication to the Conservatory is rooted in a childhood love of nature that began at Kingwood Center Gardens in her hometown of Mansfield. She strives to provide children with the same life-long connection to the beauty and wonder of the natural world. DeeDee studied landscape architecture at The Ohio State University. Her academic background and personal passion for nature and public gardens have made her an invaluable volunteer, advisor and supporter of the Conservatory for over twenty years.

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*Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's *Light Raiment II*, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.*